## A RESOLUTION OF THE ENEWETAK/UJELANG LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the people of Enewetak were removed from Enewetak in 1947 because the United States decided to use Enewetak Atoll as a test site for the explosion of nuclear devices;

WHEREAS, between 1948 and 1958, the United States exploded 43 nuclear devices on Enewetak Atoll;

WHEREAS, the people of Enewetak suffered great deprivation and hardship during their exile from Enewetak Atoll;

WHEREAS, the United States, in the late 1970's, attempted to cleanup radioactive and other material from Enewetak in order to permit the people of Enewetak to return to their ancestral homeland;

WHEREAS, the cleanup was only partially successful because 75% of the atoll's land mass remains contaminated by radiation to one degree or another and because most of the remaining 25% was so severely impacted by the nuclear testing program and cleanup that it does not produce food adequate for the population;

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recognized the plight of the Enewetak people and funded a food and agriculture program without which the people of Enewetak could not reside on Enewetak;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy was involved with the administration and operation of the food and agriculture program funded by the United States Congress and has been so involved for the past several years;

WHEREAS, the United States Congress mandated that administration of the food and agriculture program be undertaken by the Enewetak/Ujelang Local Government Council ("Council");

WHEREAS, the transfer of administration of the food and agriculture program to the Council occurred on October 1, 1991, with the Department of Energy continuing to provide some support to the program at the request of the Council;

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy's direct involvement with the program ceased as of the February, 1993;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the people of Enewetak, through their Local Government Council, that they express their appreciation to Harry Pettingill and Rick Jones for their and the Department of Energy's involvement in the food and agriculture program; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the people of Enewetak look forward to the continuing involvement of the Department of Energy in the health monitoring of the people of Enewetak and the environmental work on the radiation contaminated lands of Enewetak Atoll.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify:

- (2) that I am satisfied that this resolution has been adopted in accordance with the Constitution of the Enewetak/Ujelang Local Government;

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SIGNATURE OF CO	UNCILMEMBERS AND IROIJ
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